

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/929,599

Examiner

Mark Halpern

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 12/11/03 (resubmitted 1/12/04) & the telephonic interview of 2/24/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-29 (now renumbered 1-28, respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/28/02 & 12/11/03 (resub. 1/12/04) are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. C. Brant Cook, Reg. No. 39,151 on February 24, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1, line 6, -- at a pressure in the range of about 1 to about 600 pli -- has been inserted after "medium".

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 8, line, 1, "7" has been changed to --1--.

Claim 19, line 9, -- at a pressure in the range of about 1 to about 600 pli -- has been inserted after "medium".

Claim 28, line 6, -- at a pressure in the range of about 1 to about 600 pli -- has been inserted after "medium".

Claim 29, line 6, -- at a pressure in the range of about 1 to about 600 pli -- has been inserted after "medium".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1, 19, 28 and 29 is that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest pressing the web between a fluid permeable carrier and a limiting orifice

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medium at a pressure of about 1 to 600 pli. It is noted that the term "limiting orifice medium" as used in the instant application has a specific meaning in the art, the meaning is set forth in the instant specification on page 5, the second full paragraph and in U.S. Patent No. 5,274,930, "limiting orifice medium" has been interpreted as set forth in the instant specification and U.S. Patent No. 5,274,930.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

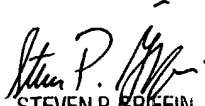
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone number is 571-272-1190. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven P. Griffin, can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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